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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATTA).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 28, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT E. LATTA, to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Reverend Gene Hemrick, Washington Theological Union, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Lord, in turbulent times throughout our country and the world, may we bring to those who seek peace the loving, uplifting heart that rings through the prayer of St. Francis:

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Missouri (Ms. MCCOLLUM) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. MCCOLLUM led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### CODEL TO THE CENTRAL FRONTS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last week, I participated in a congressional delegation to visit troops and fact-find in Kuwait, Iraq, Bahrain, and Afghanistan. Immediately upon arrival, we were given an optimistic assessment of the region by Ambassador Deborah Jones in Kuwait.

America's team in Baghdad, ably led by General Lloyd Austin and Ambassador James Jeffrey, confirmed the transition to an Iraqi lead is working with the professionalism of the Iraqi Army and police. A highlight for me was to meet with the 151st Expeditionary Signal Battalion led by Lieutenant Colonel Richard Wholey of the South Carolina Army National Guard to thank them and their families for their service.

In Bahrain, we met top officials who assured us the reformist Crown Prince is leading negotiations to reduce conflict in this dynamic Persian Gulf ally where we visited the U.S.S. Lake Champlain's capable sailors.

In Afghanistan, we saw firsthand in Kandahar the success of President Obama's surge where a surge of 30,000

U.S. troops last year motivated a surge of an additional 70,000 Afghans to fight terrorism. The Kabul team of General David Petraeus and Ambassador Karl Eikenberry are successfully denying terrorists a safe haven to attack American families.

Godspeed to Danielle Simonetti Mauer, a Washington and Lee graduate, as she departs from House service for a new career.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

### IN SOLIDARITY WITH AMERICAN WORKERS

(Ms. MCCOLLUM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I stand today in solidarity with the working men and women of America. There should be no doubt that there is a war going on right now against workers, unions, and middle class Americans who want more jobs.

In Wisconsin, Ohio and here in Congress, workers' rights are under attack by union-busting politicians. It is time for Americans to stand up and fight for the rights of workers to organize and negotiate for safe working conditions, living wages, and basic benefits.

It is time to stand up and fight against the attacks launched by union-busting Republican Governors and their corporate sponsors. The citizens and legislators of Wisconsin and Ohio who are standing up to the union-busters have the respect and appreciation of millions of Americans.

Thank you for fighting for dignity, respect, freedom and the rights of American workers for today and tomorrow. And in Minnesota and across America, there are freedom-loving citizens who stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Wisconsin and Ohio.

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